

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 has been amended as follows:

The above object is achieved in accordance with the invention in an electronic device having a security region containing a first battery, which supplies power to security components in the security region, and which is connected to a first input of a battery switchover device, also located in the security region. A second battery is disposed in the device outside of the security region and is connected to a second input of the battery switchover device. A monitoring unit monitors voltage information relating at least to the second battery and activates the battery switchover device ~~to cause power to be supplied to the security components by the second battery dependent on the voltage information.~~

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 has been amended as follows:

The provision of a battery compartment in a non-security region of the device housing in combination with a battery switchover device and a monitoring unit offers protection against incorrect polarization, oxidation of the battery contact posts and protection against non-insertion of a second battery in the implementation of a battery replacement. By taking over the supply of the power-consuming components, the second battery lengthens the service life of the first battery. Since battery replacement can be undertaken by a user of the device, the service life of the security module can be significantly increased without requiring the unit to be returned to the manufacturer. Protection against manipulation of the stored data is guaranteed because the provision of the battery compartment does not compromise the security region of the device housing. Using diodes or controlled electronic switches, the battery switchover device decouples at least two batteries or battery